

BIOGRAPHY OF COLONEL BILLY J. YEISER

Colonel Yeiser is Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Colonel Yeiser was born 19 December 1931 at Owensboro, Kentucky. He graduated from Daviess County High School and in the same year, 1950, enrolled at the University of Kentucky from which he graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. Additionally, Colonel Yeiser is a resident graduate of Squadron Officer School and has completed Air Command and Staff College, ICAF and Air War College by seminar.

In June of 1954 he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve and entered active duty in January 1955. Approximately thirteen months later he completed Primary and Basic Pilot Training, transitioning to KC-97s which he flew for a period of three years. In 1959 he transitioned to KC-135s at Castle AFB, California which he flew for the remainder of his active duty tour. He was stationed at Briggs AFB, Texas flying KC-135s when he was released from active duty in February 1961. In December 1962 he joined the Kentucky Air National Guard and was assigned to the 165th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron as a reconnaissance pilot until January 1968 when he was recalled to active duty with his unit. He was assigned to Richards-Gebaur AFB, Missouri and Itazuke Air Base Japan flying RF-101s upon his release from the Pueblo Crisis Mobilization which terminated in June 1969, Colonel Yeiser reverted back into the 165th TRSq where he remained until September 1969 at which time he became the Wing Aircraft Scheduling Officer. Subsequently he received assignments as Operations Staff Officer, Squadron Flight Commander, Squadron Commander, Group Director of Operations, and as Wing Deputy Director of Operations. In September 1976 he was assigned as Director of Operations, Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard and worked in that capacity until 30 September 1983. On 1 October 1983, he was appointed to his current position as Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Kentucky Air National Guard.

Colonel Yeiser holds the aeronautical rating of Command Pilot and has 4,000 military and 1,500 civilian flying hours of flying to his credit. Colonel Yeiser's awards and decorations include the Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Combat Readiness Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, Kentucky Merit Ribbon, Kentucky Commendation Ribbon.

Colonel Yeiser was promoted to Colonel on 11 September 1976.

In civilian life he is owner and principal operator of seven auto parts, home laundry and associated corporations. He is married to the former Jane H. Huebner also of Owensboro. They have two children: Virginia E. and John B. Colonel Yeiser is a member of the National Guard Association of United States, Life Member of National Guard Association of Kentucky, Daviess County Lion's Club, Elder and Trustee of Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Lodge No 130 F & AM, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (EPOE) Lodge No 144, Aero Club of Louisville, Committee Boy Scout Troop No 24, Asst Scout Master Boy Scout Troop No 24, President Western Little League Baseball Organization.

BIOGRAPHICAL SUMMARY

Name: Billy J. Yeiser

SSAN: 406-36-0086

Rank/Component: Colonel, Kentucky Air National Guard

Date of Rank: 11 September 1976

Aeronautical Rating: Command Pilot (On Flying Status)

Age: 52

Civilian Occupation: Owner and President of Commercial Laundry Distributors, Inc. and of E. A. Carter Supply, Inc. Owns several pieces of commercial real estate and operates a public warehouse in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Civilian Address: 2133 Bittel Road, Owensboro, KY 42301

Current Military Assignment: Chief of Staff, Hq Kentucky ANG

Schools:

Primary and Basic Pilot Training	13 months - 1956
KC-97 Training	7 weeks - 1956
KC-135 Training	11 weeks - 1959
Squadron Officer School	14 weeks - 1960
TAC Sea Survival Course	Compl - 1968
Air Command and Staff College	Compl - 1975
Tactical Reconnaissance Training Course	Compl - 1976
C-131D Initial Ground Qualification School	Compl - 1976
Industrial College of the Armed Forces	Compl - 1977
Defense Strategy Seminar	Compl - 1979
Air War College	Compl - 1981
ANG/USAFR Senior Officers PME Course	Compl - 1983

Awards and Decorations:

Air Force Commendation Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Combat Readiness Medal
National Defense Service Medal
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Kentucky Merit Ribbon
Kentucky Commendation Ribbon

Chronological Record of Duty Assignments:

<u>Duty</u>	<u>Station</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
Unassigned	AFRes	Jun 54	Jan 55
Pilot	EAD	Jan 55	Feb 61
Unassigned	AFRes	Mar 61	Dec 62
Recon Pilot	165 TRSq, KyANG	Dec 62	Jan 68
Recon Pilot	165 TRSq, KyANG (EAD)	Jan 68	Jul 68
Wg Acft Sched Off	123 TRWg, KyANG (EAD)	Jul 68	Sep 68
Squadron Pilot	165 TRSq, KyANG (EAD)	Sep 68	Jan 69
Wg Acft Sched Off	123 TRWg, KyANG (EAD)	Jan 69	Jun 69
Recon Pilot	165 TRSq, KyANG	Jun 69	Aug 69
Opns Staff Off	123 TRGp, KyANG	Sep 69	Mar 70
Sq Asst Flt Cmdr	165 TRSq, KyANG	Mar 70	Jan 72
Squadron Flt Cmdr	165 TRSq, KyANG	Jan 72	Jan 73
Squadron Cmdr	165 TRSq, KyANG	Feb 73	Jan 74
Wg Deputy Dir of Opns	123 TRWg, KyANG	Feb 74	Aug 76
Dir of Opns	Hq KyANG, KyANG	Sep 76	Sep 83
Chief of Staff	Hq KyANG, KyANG	Oct 83	Date

Training Point Summary (Last Five Years):

<u>Retirement Year</u>	<u>Active Duty</u>	<u>Inactive Duty</u>	<u>ECI</u>	<u>Gratuitous</u>	<u>Total</u>
1979	15	80	0	15	110
1980	40	87	0	15	142
1981	14	73	0	15	102
1982	10	90	0	15	115
1983	31	81	0	15	127

Promotion History:

<u>Temporary</u>	<u>Permanent</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
2LT		4 Jun 54
	2LT	25 Jan 55
1LT		4 Jun 56
	1LT	3 Jun 57
	1LT (INTG)	9 Apr 58
CPT		10 Oct 60
	CPT	14 Mar 61
	MAJ	6 Jan 66
	LTC	15 Jan 72
	COL	11 Sep 76